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THE SPRING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Cincinnati May 6.

Present: President Ward; Professors Pegram, Richtmyer, Stewart, Jones, Ellery.

Absent: Professors Eigenmann and McClung.

After considerable discussion regarding the time and place for the spring meeting, the following motion was made and carried unanimously:

Resolved, That the spring meeting of the Executive Committee in 1923 be held May 12 and 13 at a place to be decided upon later.

President Ward made a report of the installation of the chapter at McGill University.

Professor Jones gave a report of the installation of the chapter at Rutgers College and the State University of New Jersey.

Professor Ellery gave a report of the installation of the chapter at the University of Kentucky.

It was voted that:

Hereafter, when the secretary reports to the individuals concerned that action upon their petition for a charter has been favorable, he informs the petitioners that the installation must take place before March 15 following the Convention at which the charter was granted or be postponed until after October 15, except by special vote of the Executive Committee.

It was further voted that in connection with the installation of new chapters, the secretary should cooperate with the members of the new chapters in securing suitable publicity regarding the installation.

Professor Richtmyer and Professor Ellery were continued as the sub-committee on convention of the Executive Committee. Professor Richtmyer reported for the sub-committee that arrangements had been completed for a joint meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of Sigma Xi for Wednesday evening, December 27, and that President Farrand of Cornell University had accepted the joint invitation to speak on that occasion.

The sub-committee on convention was directed to proceed with the arrangement of plans for the Convention proper and for the annual dinner.

The secretary was directed to issue early notices to the chapters regarding the convention and the importance of sending delegates.

The Executive Committee voted approval of the president's action in providing a charter for Mayo Foundation Chapter in its new status as active chapter by using the former charter with statement attached declaring change of status from an alumni to an active chapter.

Approval was voted of the addition of the name of Professor Louis Vessot King to the charter members of the McGill Chapter.

A request was presented from the alumni chapter of the District of Columbia for authorization to elect members to the Society. The request was carefully considered. The committee voted that it is inadvisable to grant to alumni chapters authorization to elect members to the Society.

President Ward presented the matter of petitions from groups at several educational institutions.

President Ward reported correspondence with some twenty institutions from which inquiries had been received regarding a possible petition for a charter.

It was voted:

To publish in the official journal of the Society a list of the Sigma Xi Clubs and the names of the president and secretary of each. The secretary was directed to prepare a method of procedure to be followed in the formation of new clubs.

The secretary was directed to outline a blank form for use of petitioners for charters in sending preliminary information regarding the institution with which they are connected.

The secretary and treasurer were directed to prepare an itemized budget of expenses for 1923.

President Ward presented correspondence regarding a Sigma Xi song written and composed by a member of the Yale chapter. It was the sense of the committee that publication under private auspices would be desirable.

The committee authorized the secretary to offer for distribution insignia for active members in accordance with the present procedure for insignia for associate members, and the secretary was directed to secure prices from manufacturing jewelers.

The committee was of the opinion that there is no objection to permitting the Canadian chapters to secure insignia through a Cana-

dian jeweler, on order from the secretary, but was of opinion that it would be to the advantage of Canadian chapters to secure associate membership emblems through the authorized jeweler for the United States.

The committee agreed that it was best to encourage Canadian chapters and new chapters in the United States to use the new design of insignia for active members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and the secretary was directed to inform new chapters of the constitutional provision for insignia.

In view of possible confusion of the organization of Sigma Xi with other societies bearing Greek names, it was voted that wherever possible the name "The Society of the Sigma Xi" should be accompanied by "The Society for Promotion of Research" in public prints.

The committee directed the secretary to inform all chapters of the amendment to the Constitution providing that the initiation fee should include one dollar to be sent to the general treasurer.

The secretary was directed to call the attention of the chapters to the action of the Convention upon the petition for a charter from individuals at Swarthmore College and to formulate the questions raised. (At the Toronto Convention, the Executive Committee presented the petition. The Convention voted to lay the recommendation on the table until the next convention, and in the meantime to ask the chapters to consider the new elements which the petition from this institution presented in order that action might be taken at the next convention with full understanding of the situation.)

Upon recommendation of the secretary, the committee voted the following resolution:

> When recommending to the Convention favorable action on a petition for a charter, the Executive Committee shall designate the name by which the new chapter is to be known. This name shall be incorporated in the charter.

The secretary as chairman of the Fellowship Committee, called attention of the Committee to the request from the Rockefeller Foundation and General Education Board to the National Research Council to administer a system of fellowship in the medical sciences similar to those in physics and chemistry, and asked whether, in view of that addition to the work of the National Research Council, the fields of work covered by the Sigma Xi Fellowships should be further limited. The committee voted that in future announcements of the Sigma Xi Fellowships the statement should be made that in making

the award, preference would be given to workers in other fields than those of physics and chemistry and medical sciences.

The secretary presented a plan for a conference of national officers with various chapters. After full discussion, the Committee voted the following resolution:

> To provide for cases in which the secretary finds visits to chapters necessary to coordinate more effectively the work of the Society, the committee authorized the payment of expense of such visits and conferences out of any funds in the treasury not necessary for meeting the expenses for the current year heretofore authorized.

The proposed revision of the Constitution was brought up for consideration by Professor Richtmyer. The committee went over the proposals paragraph by paragraph and a few changes in the wording were recommended. The committee was unanimous in its opinion that the proposals contained in this revised Constitution are of the greatest importance to the welfare and future progress of the Society. The secretary was directed to call the attention of the chapters to this proposed new Constitution in order that there may be full discussion by the chapters during the months preceding the next Convention, when the Constitution comes up for action, and that the delegates to the Convention may be fully informed regarding the proposed changes and be prepared to vote.